2. Introduction of reliable electronic Push Button type telephone instruments.

3. Introduction of reliable and efficient media by way of Optical fibre, PCM, Microwave, UHF/VHF systems.

4. Introduction of MARR (Multi Access Radio Relay) systems to provide telephones in rural areas.

5. Introduction of packet switched data network.

6. Introduction of Value added services by Private Parties i.e. services like Electronic Mail, Radio Paging, Cellullar mobile service, Videotex, Video Conferencing, Voice Mail, Audiotex etc.

7. Introduction of Remote Area Business Network through Satellits communications.

8. Connecting far flung areas to the Telecom network using satellite.

Expansion of Communication Network in Punjab

885. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to expand its communication network especially in border areas of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 77000 net switching cappacity lines are planned to be added during 93-94 in Punjab and about 51000 new connections are proposed to be given. Of these the following plans are there for the border area districts.

Sl. No	District	Net Switching capacity planned during 1993-94	New connections planned during 1993-94
		lines	lines
1.	Amritsar	6900	4000
2.	Gurdaspur	1500	1200
3.	Firozepur	6000	3100

Telephone Racket in MTNL

886. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three Officers of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, New Delhi were involved in a major telephone racket;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the owners of a Private Telephone Booth managed to get four telephone lines with STD and ISD feilities without these being metered from Shakti Nagar Telephone Exchange under MTNL, New Delhi; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that such cases were reported earlier also and if so, what are the details thereof and action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Five officials of MTNL have been suspended. The exact number of persons involved in the racket will be known after CBI completes the investigation.

(b) Owners of a few telephones were running a racket of providing STD/ISD calls from their Ashok Vihar premises in connivance with MTNL employees. Two non-metered lines of